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CHURCH ACTIVITIES

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.
The subject of the sermon next Sunday morning will be "Holiness."
The Universalist Sunday School are rehearsing for their Christmas concert, Mrs. Fred Edwards and Mrs. Asa L. Willey have charge of the music.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.
Subject of the sermon next Sunday, "The Light of the World."
The Christian Endeavor service at 7:30 in the evening will be led by Wm. Hastings.

The Ladies' Club will hold their annual Christmas Sale and Supper at Garland Chapel, Thursday afternoon, Dec. 7. There one will find the usual fancy and useful articles suitable for Christmas gifts, the home-made candy, parcel post and apron table. Supper will be served at 6:15 at the usual price, 25 cents. The menu will consist of Hot Rolls, Baked Beans, Stuffed Oysters, Fruit Salads, Pies, Cakes and Coffee.

Mrs. Gehring has invited the Primary and Junior Department of the Sunday School to a Christmas Frolic at her home next Saturday afternoon from 3 to 5.

The mothers of the Gracie Roll scholars recently promoted from the Beginners' Department are invited to come with these little ones.

METHODIST CHURCH.
The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist church was appointed this week with Mrs. H. C. Andrews.

On Tuesday evening Mrs. Cora Knight Clifford gave an address at the church in the interest of the Woman's Missionary work. She has recently returned from the national meeting at Minneapolis and brought a report of that important gathering.

The Boy Scouts meet at the church on Thursday evening.

Bethel Methodists have greatly enjoyed the presence of the three special speakers who have recently addressed them in the interest of the campaign for raising the big fund for retired preachers of the Maine Conference.

Dr. U. G. Humphrey came directly from West Ohio where he was having part in a successful program of the same sort. Rev. H. L. Nichols, the popular pastor at Norway, carried forward the work by his message of Nov. 20th. And Mr. D. L. Joslin last Sunday, speaking from the point of view of a layman, gave one of the most inspiring and convincing addresses of the series.

The impression is deepening that the church needs some means for a more adequate support for its retired ministers, and for the widows and orphans of preachers. A permanent fund of sufficient size will put the church in a position to fulfill its obligations to its ministry, and so will strengthen the church itself, will attract more strong men to its ministry, and will do this without added burden in the future.

When the campaign is over, Bethel hopes that the local church will have a good report to make of successful effort to do its part in the important task which is engaging the attention of the world wide church.

SANBORN-RANDALL.

A very pretty wedding in which many are interested took place early last Wednesday evening at the Methodist parsonage, when Robert E. Sanborn and Ethel M. Randall took the vows which made them husband and wife. Rev. T. C. Chapman officiated using the single ring service.

The groom is well known in Bethel, graduate of her schools and of Gould's Academy, and for several years the popular mail carrier on Route Number One. The bride is the daughter of a former Bethel business man, and for some time an efficient assistant at the local post office.

Both parties were rather reticent about the time set for their marriage both before and after the event, but cannot hope to escape the congratulations of a host of friends, if good wishes count for anything, they are sure of health, wealth and happiness "ever afterward."

They are making their home at the Sanborn place on the Middle Intervale road.

TAXES.
All taxes should be paid before Dec. 15, to save the cost of advertising.

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BETHEL INN

Happenings of the Week

Mr. F. H. Nourse of Lancaster, N. H., was an overnight guest at the Inn.

Mr. William O'Donnell Iselin of New York has been at the Inn for a few days.

Mr. B. H. Spencer is again at Bethel Inn for an indefinite stay. Mr. Spencer is a fine pianist and the Inn guests enjoy his music very much.

Mr. F. B. Maynard of Boston was at the Inn over Thanksgiving. He made a trip to Grafton during his stay in search for deer, but was unsuccessful.

The recital given by Robert L. Dempster, at Mr. Upson's Music Room on Thanksgiving night was attended by many of the Inn guests and all expressed themselves as much pleased with the entertainment.

Another afternoon tea was given at the Inn on last Wednesday which was well attended by the guests and their friends. Among those present were Mrs. L. E. Blanchard, Mr. Wallace Blanchard and wife, Mr. Linas Blanchard and wife who motored in from their camp, "Blanchmont," at the foot of Caribou Mountain, in the Town of Mason, Me.

Many Bethel people enjoyed Thanksgiving Dinner served at the Inn, and all seemed to enjoy the feast very much. Had the weather been fine many more would have been present. Among those present were Mr. W. W. Hastings, Dr. and Mrs. L. J. Wright, Miss Wright, Miss Alice Willis, Mr. F. L. Edwards, wife and daughter, all of Bethel, Mr. and Mrs. Guy L. Shorey of Gorham, N. H.

BETHEL COMMUNITY

DRAMA MOVEMENT.

The initial movement for Community Drama was given last Thursday evening in Mr. Upson's Music Room when Mr. Robert Dempster recited the Happy Prince by Wilde, The Raven, with Max Heinrich's setting and several other lighter poems.

Mr. Dempster showed marked ability in his recitations and was well received by the many who had braved the "stormy elements." The accompaniments of Miss Hayes of Portland added much to the pleasure of the evening. Mr. Dempster was also assisted by Miss Jennette Emerson of Portland who gave an exhibition of classic dancing.

The object of the Community Drama is to create a general interest among the people of Bethel and the surrounding towns and for the pleasure that will come from the work. Any surplus money that may be left over will go to the beautifying of the town.

A meeting was held on Friday afternoon at 2 P. M. in Mr. Upson's Music Room for those who were interested in the Bethel Community Drama movement, 29 being present.

Mr. Robert Dempster of Portland, who gave a recital the previous evening spoke briefly in regard to the movement and urged everyone to do their part not only to interest Bethel people in the plays to be produced but those of the surrounding country.

The first plays will be given Friday and Saturday evenings, Dec. 15 and 16. All performances to start at 8 P. M. sharp. Cast for Rosalind. Others reported at rehearsal, Thursday, E. M. Mrs. Quikely, Mrs. E. Van Rosalind, Mrs. Ogden Mills, Charles, Mr. Robert Dempster.

In addition to choosing the casts, committees were appointed: Chairman of Community Drama of Bethel and vicinity, W. J. Upson; Stage Mgr., F. B. Merrill; Mistress of Costumes, Mrs. A. E. Herriek.

Muscle Committee, Miss Mariyn, Mrs. Wight; Scenes Committee, Mrs. J. G. Gehring; Asst. Director, Mrs. E. Van Rosalind.

The first rehearsal will be held Thursday afternoon at 4:30 at the Music Room. At 8 P. M., Thursday, Mr. Dempster will meet the cast for Rosalind, the costume committee and music committees.

The receipts of the first performance Nov. 30, 1916, were \$61.00, which was very good considering the extremely stormy evening. This just about paid Mr. Dempster, the expenses of Miss Emerson and Miss Hayes; printing and four extras. If we had had to pay for a hall and the labor contributed by the Inn there would have been a deficit.

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MORRIS PRATT'S

BIRTHDAY

Remembered With Fitting Exercises at Gould's Academy

Owing to the Thanksgiving vacation at the Academy the observance of the birthday of Morris Pratt was not held on November 29, his birthday, but was postponed to Tuesday afternoon.

Principal Hanson, with words well chosen and expressive of much meaning, opened the exercises. Mr. Pollard of New York sang a rollicking sailor song, substituting for Mrs. I. H. Wight who was unable to be present; Miss Sawford sang "The Fairy Pipers," and Mr. Upson gave a group of songs, "The Wind Song," "Noon and Night," "The Banjo Song," "The school song," "The Lord is my Shepherd."

Mrs. J. G. Gehring was then presented and spoke as follows:

Students of Goulds Academy, Teachers and Friends:
This is the fifth occasion in which we have met to gratefully acknowledge what the birth of a young man has meant to us, whose life has blessed every one of you these past five years. You have learned to think of Morris Pratt as one whom you know! He has not been merely a name to you because you have learned appreciation through the beautiful record of his young life, and gratitude for the benefits that have flowed to you through the generosity of his parents.

Today, there is a note of joy in my message to you! The same month of November that gave Morris Pratt to this world, has given another Morris Pratt to grandparents who receive him as a gift from God.

I know you will all like to give little Morris Pratt Frost of St. Louis, a greeting with the "glad hand!" This cannot fail to be a different hour to us than the other observances of this revered birthday, because we shall all feel that a boy has come into this world bearing as a wonderful legacy the name of one whose unusual character has left a "shining track," and the world will surely be better for his advent.

Today, I am going to give you from my knowledge of Morris Pratt, gained by daily companionship for months in the revealing light of our home (circle) what was the most powerful impression he left with us.

I shall, however, begin with a preface.

There is carved in stone over the doorway of a great English college building, hundreds of years old, this sentence—

"Manners maketh ye manne."
So old is this inscription that the spelling has become changed from that time when "the" was "ye" and man had two n's and an e.

Many, many thousands of boys have looked at that carved message to them. To some it came as a counsel, or a warning; some gave it no heed!

To those who received the lesson contained in this sentence wide doors swung open for them when they entered the great world for which those educational years had been preparing them. Men became distinguished in meeting great problems, holding weapons they could never have wielded with power had they not recognized what those four words meant.

I hope Alexander Pope will pardon my presumption in combining for my present use a part of his famous maxim with the yet older epigram from which I am sure he was a borrower.

"Manners maketh ye manne; the want of them the fellow."

And what are these manners which are capable of such a powerful assertion as this statement convey?

Social customs you will surely find of all be thinking. The usages of cultivated people. There will run through your minds a train of admonitions from fathers and mothers and teachers which will make you feel awfully safe—and guilty. You will be saying to yourselves: "I know much better than I always do."

In order to get at the heart of my message later on I will do you no harm to have me call your attention to the social requirements that make you agreeable to others and influential in any circle in which you may find yourselves. To recognize clearly why we admire some people and are repelled by others, helps us to walk a more direct path, and find fewer pitfalls. I shall no doubt call to your minds

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GOULD'S ACADEMY

Myron Bryant had the good fortune to shoot a deer Friday.

Mr. Ray Parker spent Thanksgiving with friends in Norway.

Gerald Cole will be unable to return to school until next term.

Miss Cleo Sweet spent Thanksgiving with her friend, Helen Clark.

There will be a basketball game, Friday evening, Dec. 8, in the G. A. gymnasium between Gould's and Norway.

Ray Parker was called to Randolph, N. H., Nov. 28, by the death of his cousin, Vernon Lowe, who was accidentally shot.

The meeting of the Y. M. C. A. was held Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 28. Harold Bartlett was leader with the topic, "Do I Honor Christ In My Use of Sunday?"

Among those who visited school last week were: Miss Ermine Rabidou, Miss Florence Chapman, Mr. James Hayford, Miss Marion Frost and Miss Ethel Cole.

There was a good attendance at the Y. W. C. A. meeting which was held last Tuesday. A discussion of the Lord's Prayer led by Miss Nellie Whitman made the meeting one of special interest and help to all.

Remember the sale of Japanese goods and other fancy articles which is to be held at Guy L. Thirator's store, Saturday, Dec. 9, at 2 P. M. The Y. W. C. A. is trying in this way to raise money for the purpose of sending delegates to Makinokiy Camp next summer and the support of the public will be much appreciated.

CATHERINE KENNEDY AT M. E. CHURCH, SATURDAY, DEC. 9.

The second in the series of entertainments given under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid will be held at the M. E. church next Saturday evening, Dec. 9, when Miss Catherine Kennedy will give that attractive play, "Daddy Long Legs."

Miss Kennedy is an artist of uncommon type. She brings to us an art which is genuine and her personality is direct and sincere. Her readings are characterized by spontaneity, grace and simplicity.

We are fortunate in being able to hear this artist and the price of admission is only 25 cents. Tickets are on sale at Bosserman's Drug Store.

NOTICE.

A sale of fancy hand made articles will be held at Mr. L. L. Carver's store, Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 12 and 13.—adv.

NOTICE.

A special meeting is called by the Noble Grand of Sunset Robekah Lodge for Monday evening, Dec. 11, for all members of the Degree Staff as there will be work at the next meeting.

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, our Heavenly Father has called from her home Mrs. George Little, a beloved member of our Mission Circle.

Resolved: that our Circle has lost one of its most earnest and devoted members, who was always interested in every department of its work.

Resolved: that while we mourn it is with the hope of a happy reunion and that we will emulate her qualities of cheerfulness and strive like her to lift the burdens of sorrowing ones.

Resolved: that we record this expression of love on our Circle books, that a copy be sent to the bereaved family and printed in the local paper.

Members of the Bethel Mission Circle.

NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Bethel National Bank will be held in the banking rooms of said bank, in Bethel, Maine, on Tuesday the ninth day of January, 1917 at two o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

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December 1st, 1916. 12-7-16.

Books for boys and girls at J. M. Stearns.

Adv.

GRANGE NEWS

PLEASANT VALLEY GRANGE.

Pleasant Valley Grange, No. 136, held its regular meeting Tuesday evening, Nov. 28, with thirty-two members and one visitor present. Two candidates were balloted on and the third and fourth degrees were conferred on six candidates, after which all repaired to the dining room and partook of the refreshments which consisted of sandwiches, assorted cake, pies, apples and coffee. Grange closed in form.

WEST PARIS GRANGE.

West Paris Grange will hold an all day meeting, Dec. 9, observing the fifteenth anniversary of the National Grange. Following is the program:

Singing, Grange Roll Call, Something pertaining to agriculture—Facts in the early history of the Grange.

The work of the Grange in its early years, F. L. Wynnae, Doris Field. Difficulties we had to overcome, A. J. Abbott.

Recitation, Patriotic Song, Mrs. Stetson. Essay on the work and development of the order, D. A. Ball.

Recitation, John Littlehale.

Reading for the good of the order, Reading for the good of the order, Lecturer.

Pledge by the sisters.

Singing, "Star Spangled Banner," Looking Forward, Master.

Singing the ode.

PARIS GRANGE.

Paris Grange met December 2 at 11 A. M., for the election of officers, with the following result:

Master—Frank Dudley. Overseer—W. C. Thayer. Lecturer—Mrs. Jessica Thayer.

Steward—Austin P. Stearns, Jr. Asst. Steward—Ernest Talbot. Chaplain—J. S. Brown.

Treasurer—A. L. Abbott. Secretary—Chas. Edwards. Gate Keeper—Ellsworth Thayer.

Ceres—Mrs. Annie Wheeler. Pomona—Mrs. Edith Thayer. Flora—Mrs. Minnie Edwards.

L. A. Steward—Mrs. Beryl Hill. Librarian—Mrs. Nellie Mason. Chorister—Mrs. K. B. J. Hammond.

Member of Executive Com. for three years—A. E. Goldsmith. It was voted to furnish an oyster supper for Paris Lodge, F. & A. M., on Tuesday, Dec. 6, the lady officers to have charge of arrangements. Voted to send the master and wife as delegates to the State Grange and pay their expenses. Paris Grange will hold a Fair on Dec. 14th.

NORWAY GRANGE.

Norway Grange will hold its annual election of officers on Saturday, Dec. 9. Several applications for membership have been received which shows an unflagging interest in Grange work.

OXFORD COUNTY POMONA.

Oxford Pomona Grange met with Paris Grange, Tuesday, Dec. 6. The meeting was called to order by Worthy Master L. E. McIntire. All the officers were present except Worthy Chaplain, Bro. J. S. Brown was appointed to the chair and acted until Worthy Chaplain G. W. Stas appeared at a later period.

After the opening exercises reports from the several committees were listened to and showed very gratifying results. All the meetings through the year 1916 have been largely attended, and this meeting was no exception as about two hundred and fifty were in attendance at the annual election of officers. The list follows:

Master—L. E. McIntire. Overseer—A. M. Ryerson. Lecturer—Harold Pike.

Steward—Arthur Buck. Asst. Steward—Herman Mason. Chaplain—Bro. G. W. Stas.

Gate Keeper—Frank Dudley. Pomona—Mrs. L. E. McIntire. Flora—Mrs. Lizette Pike.

Ceres—Mrs. Harriet Buck. L. A. Steward—Mrs. Pauline Mason. Secretary—Mrs. Clara Tyerson.

The officers were duly installed, Bro. F. P. Towns of Norway Grange presiding, Bro. Leon Brooks of Paris Grange installing officer, assisted by Sister Annie Wheeler of Paris Grange, and Brother J. A. Edwards of Frederick Roble Grange, all of whom discharged the duties assigned in a pleasing and efficient manner. A rising vote of thanks was given Brother Brooks' fully appreciative as his notice was very short.

Executive Com.—J. H. Edwards was elected for three years. Leon Brooks' term having expired, in

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W. F. TUBBS,

11-23-16. Norway, Maine.

Full they are Geo. W. Richardson,

chairman; A. W. Weston and J. H. Edwards.

Eleven Granges were represented, at so visitors from New Century Pomona who were gladly welcomed.

Brothers A. M. Ryerson and G. W. C. Thayer will cooperate with Worthy Lecturer Harold Pike in arranging for Pomona meetings for the year 1917.

Sister S. E. Jackson, who served so long and faithfully as Secretary of Oxford Pomona, being unable, on account of illness, to attend, was lovingly remembered by Oxford Pomona.

Brief remarks were made by Deputy B. H. Gates for the good of the order and to keep the order good. Minutes were read and approved. Meeting closed in form to meet with Norway Grange, Tuesday, January 2, 1917.

At the noon hour we noticed "People gathering at corners, where they whispered each to each; but their faces did not wear the look of anxiety that our forefathers did—they had just eaten a Pomona Grange dinner."

Worthy Master McIntire and wife will represent Oxford Pomona at the State Grange session held at Bangor.

WANTED.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1916.

MORRIS PRATT BIRTHDAY.

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the same things your parents and teachers have taught you, and you will value their instruction all the more from hearing their ideas repeated from other lips.

It really seems to women that men have the very best of everything in this world. They even have the best chance to show good manners. They can be positive. Someone has said, "It's what a man does and what a woman does not do, that marks the gentleman and the lady." There it is. For illustration, think what a blessing a man's hat is! He goes through his impressive himself upon others, just by his hat!

A man takes off his hat when he meets a lady or even another man. Everyone knows that he has "manners." Fancy our taking out two hats, undressing a veil and replacing them in order to show one's recognition of correct manners. All we can do is to hold fast to our right to be the one whose bow comes first.

A man rises when a lady enters the room, and is never seated till she has flattered down into a chair. If a lady speaks to him while he is standing he must rise and stand till it pleases her to be seated. I quite agree with you when you are probably thinking that even men have some things to learn in order to be gentlemen, but any failure of a man to show this deference costs him so much, he pays such a penalty in loss of respect that he soon learns to value the importance of classing himself with those who have manners.

Then think of what doors do for man. A man can have the gracious privilege of opening a door for a lady, standing back and allowing her to pass through. Chairs are also his friends. He can draw out a lady's shawl at a table. How quickly these two simple acts socially place a man as a presumably agreeable person to know.

Then the hat again; its almost boundless possibilities! See him lift it when passing a lady on a staircase and removing it in an elevator. Again off it comes when he stops to pick up a dropped glove for a lady or as he opens a door in a public building for her entrance or exit.

When addressed by a stranger who asks a question, the answer ornamented by the lifted hat, reflects the heart of the one who seeks information, that it was a gentleman to whom one had appealed!

And then there is the wrap or package which one takes from a lady's arm, and gives up with the lifted hat. How quickly a man ranks himself by such expression! All these acts are indications of what the man really is! He places himself!

A young and successful lawyer whose boyhood came under my observation told me that this knowledge of courtesies had been worth thousands of dollars to him.

And now the girl! They also have the chance to rise when a lady or elderly man enters the room. If they wish to be particularly charming, until they are 18, they make a dainty curtsy when introduced to an elder.

It's the girl's chance for expression when she places the most comfortable chair for her mother, or hands the newspaper to her father with its outside cover in its original place. There is etiquette even for the newspaper! See if you can all think that out! The girl, also, stands aside for an elderly person to precede them.

I admit that they do not have as many guideposts to good manners as boys have.

What they do not do, express themselves! They do not chew gum, nor gnaw or munch apples. They never eat upon the street and, above all things, they never talk and laugh loud in public places or even at home.

Responsiveness to the wishes or needs of others marks the girl whose manners will place her where others are not. The little note of sympathy when trouble touches a schoolmate or friend.

The later expression of gladness in another's good fortune. The quick attention to an invitation given, or a response to a kindness shown—never forgetting that to return a courtesy with a discourtesy marks a level of underdevelopment which in later years of remembrance will cause deep mortification. All these deeds based upon consciousness mark the unusual girl.

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and later on give her the rank of the lady. Not riches, nor jewels, nor any outward expression of elegance can for a moment blind an observing world to defects of this kind. Every worldly trapping being removed, the lady is still unmistakable. The girl of fine manners is gentle, courteous, and therefore most lovable and influential. But here I am dipping deeper than surface landmarks and forestalling my real message.

Some of you are old enough to be raising a question in your minds. Do manners always make the man? Have we not met men and women of perfectly trained manners who were nevertheless, not true men or women? Then about the changes in social customs. Fair questions, I admit.

If in our great-grandfather's time a gentleman greeted a lady with a low bow, his hand on his heart and flourishing his hat at arm's length, to which the stately great-grandmother responded with a curtsy to the ground, it does not follow that we lack in the graces of life because we have simpler expressions of respect.

And when we are forced to admit that sometimes apparently fine manners are only cloaks to cover coarse natures, still even then there is a recognition that vice pays to virtue.

Customs do change, but what underlies these observances does not change; and not even what we are pleased to call the correct ways of social life are always essential, for who has been so unfortunate as not to know men and women with limited opportunities of whom one quickly recognizes the truth that they are instinctive gentlemen and ladies?

There is one solid basis upon which all true manners rest. Self-respect, which always expresses itself in respect for others.

When a boy raises his cap to me, as do all our boys in Bethel, I accept the courtesy with pleasure in return for my bow of respect to him—but what really pleases me is the boy's self-respect. He is too finely proud not to show the deference which marks him as a man—not a "fellow."

Now here is the truth underlying the carved inscription on the English alone gateway.

Manners are expressions of the inner man. The boy or girl with the unselfish, considerate heart, who has taken Jesus Christ as his Teacher will inevitably express in manners what makes the true man or woman.

Not in unvarying perfection, at first—life is a life-long study; and these usages I have been talking about are only things of effort upon the ladder of character, but no boy or girl who daily puts into practice these observances of which I have been speaking but who makes a deeper self into life. By doing common things in an uncommon way one grows into superiority—and that is an ambition you all have the right to try to attain. The world will then want you; you are needed even now—in your families, in your school, in this community—and by and by out in a larger world—and a yet wider horizon will open for you in the life we shall all enter when we have finished using this one.

And now you are perhaps thinking how I am to honor Morris Pratt's birthday by this appeal for a recognition of manners. It is because that whenever I think of that fine soul I remember his never-failing courtesy, his quick responsiveness to others; his ready adaptation to the many requirements of social life in our large family. I see his smile, and remember his magnificent endurance that bore his suffering without a murmur. I see him laying aside his earthly privileges without an expression of repining or self-pity. Out of his sorrow and suffering he wrought a victory over self—with such beauty of expression that when I think of him I always recognize that he was a conqueror.

His courtly manners were an expression of an inner life based upon what never changes. His were not those veneers of life which so easily betray the poor wood beneath the surface. It is the solid oak which gives up a polish from hard rubbing, and so of him we could say in truth that his manners justly expressed the man.

His mother recently sent me a letter which appeared to her as applicable to her own use of his earthly discipline and suffering. To me they seem the only fitting words that have been written as associated with the name of Morris Pratt.

"Of wounds and more defeat I made my battle stay; Winged angels for my feet."

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The immense displays of the more staple kinds of merchandise, the kinds which are selected for "practical gifts," serve to round out the entire assortment, making a Holiday shopping place for all.

The Christmas store decorations are superb. The exterior decorative scheme with its artistic arrangement of lights and evergreen, is remarkably effective, while the interior decorations are at once novel, interesting, and most pleasing.

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I wove of my delay;
Of weariness and fear,
I made my shouting spear;
Of loss, and doubt, and dread,
And swift oncoming doom
I made a helmet for my head
And a floating plume.
From the shutting mist of death,
From the failure of the breath,
I made a battle-horn to blow
Across the vales of overthrow.
O hearken, love, the battle-horn!
The triumph clear, the silver scorn!
O hearken where the echoes ring,
Down the grey, disastrous morn,
Laughter and rallying!"

I have held before you these last five years the model of one who made "winged sandals" for his soul out of earth's hamperings, and I am not afraid that these years of gratitude and appreciation will not bear fruits. There has been too much unselfish nobility and generosity expressed before you not to find root in such good soil. Pupil of Gould's Academy, I believe in you. I give these messages, however poorly borne to you through my lips, into your keeping without fear! You are the better for having lived five years with Morris Pratt's life as an inspiration. I trust your futures. His memory will accompany you!

GROVER HILL.

Owing to the heavy rain on Thursday some did not celebrate Thanksgiving as they expected.

A family gathering at A. B. Grover's, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Grover, Mr. George Grover, Miss Amy Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Wheeler and daughter, Ruth, and Mrs. Fred Wood of Bethel.

Mr. and Mrs. Almon Tyler of "Col. Weston" entertained Mrs. Tyler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shaw, from the Steam Mill.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Whitman and daughter, Dorothy, from Boston were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Whitman and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice F. Tyler dined with Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Mills at Mason.

Mrs. Ellen Spence was with her daughter, Mrs. Herbert M. Kendall and family of Newry.

Mr. E. C. Jackson from Shelburne, N. H., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Stearns and family.

Mr. E. B. Whitman was with friends in Norway.

Miss Gwendolyn Stearns returned to South Eliot, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Wheeler from Bethel village called on friends in the

place, Sunday.

Mrs. E. M. Rolfe from Albany called on friends here, Friday.

We learn that Mr. E. C. Barnard is critically ill at his home in Bellow's Falls, Vt., and is attended by a trained nurse.

Bargains in Fleece Night Robes and Undershirts at L. M. Stearns'. Adv.

PHOTOGRAPHS ARE PRINTED RAPIDLY BY MACHINE.

Capacity, compactness, and mechanical simplicity are a few noticeable features present in a refined model of a photographic printing apparatus that has lately been completed by a western inventor. The machine is intended to facilitate the handling of large commercial orders by speeding the work without lessening its quality, and by materially reducing labor costs. With it as many as 10,000 prints of various sizes can be run off in a day's time. The device is box-shaped, designed with an inclined top, and constructed of aluminum. It is driven by a small motor and is sufficiently light to be readily portable. Provision is made for shading the thin parts of poor negatives and regulating the timing so that good prints can frequently be obtained from inferior plates.—An Illustrated Article in the December Popular Mechanics Magazine describes the operation of the machine.

ROCKS ABSORB WATER.

The amount of water held in the rocks or other materials composing the earth varies greatly, owing to many causes. The amount absorbed depends on the porosity of the material, the slope of the surface, and the size and abundance of joint cracks, fissures, and cavities. The amount of water in drift or surface materials is dependent to some extent on the nature of the underlying rock, and the amount which finds its way into the solid rocks is dependent on the thickness of the overlying surface deposits. The amount of water contained in the earth's crust (to a depth of 3 miles) has been estimated by different writers with widely different results. A recent estimate is given by Fuller, of the United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, who concludes that the total amount of free water in the earth's crust would be equivalent to a uniform sheet over the entire surface of the earth having a depth of about 100 feet. This is but a small fraction of the estimate made by other writers.

PRESIDENT WILSON URGES SALE OF RED CROSS SEALS.

Comments: Tuberculosis Movement—Secretary Baker Helps—\$25,000,000 on Sale.

"I am interested to learn of the success of the sale of the Red Cross Christmas Seal," says President Woodrow Wilson in a letter to the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis made public recently. "I note with genuine interest and satisfaction," he says, "the growth and increasing success of the work of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis and hope that the devotion and enthusiasm of its active members may be crowned with still greater success during the present year."

"I am interested to learn of the success of the sale of the Red Cross Christmas Seal as a means for raising funds for the work, and I hope that the people of the country will avail themselves of that ready and easy means of showing their interest in a work which is of so universal importance."

Secretary of War Baker is another Red Cross Seal enthusiast. He says in a letter ordering his supply of Red Cross Seals for himself and his children, Betty, Jack and Peggy, "No other things mean so much to the life, health and happiness of the people of Cleveland as the fight against Tuberculosis."

Seals to the number of 325,000,000 are now on sale in every state and territory of the United States, even in the Canal Zone, the Philippines, Hawaii and Porto Rico.

A straight tongue lives long and goes far. A crooked one falls by the wayside.

The boss who is ignorant of the things he hires others to do will not long remain a boss.

Coughs

Kill If You Let Them.

Instead kill your Cough with DR. KING'S NEW DISCOVERY. It kills Irritated Throat and Lungs. Thousands in last 40 years benefited by

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New Discovery

Money Back If It Fails

All Druggists \$50c. and \$1.00

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These are the penalties of Dyspepsia, Indigestion and other stomach troubles. Restore your rest and appetite with

CAROL Indigestion AP-SULE

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MARSHALL DISTRICT.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Hazeltine spent Thanksgiving at their daughter's, Mrs. Lute Andrews.

Miss Nina Briggs spent the Thanksgiving recess at her home.

Mr. Ansel Jordan of Locke's Mills visited Miss Maxine's school, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Hazeltine of No. Waterford were guests at I. Hazeltine's part of last week.

Misses Nina and Irene Briggs were callers on Mrs. Alton Fernald last Friday.

See the great and attractive line of art goods at our store. L. M. Stearns. Adv.

PROBATE NOTICES.

To all persons interested in either of the Estates hereinafter named:

At a Probate Court held at Paris in and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen. The following matter having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby ORDERED:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford County Citizen newspaper published at Bethel, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of December, A. D. 1916, at 9 of the clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

George Little late of Bethel, deceased; will and petition for probate thereof and the appointment of James H. Little as executor of the same to act without bond, presented by said James H. Little, the executor therein named.

Horace C. Andrews late of Bethel, deceased; will and petition for probate thereof and the appointment of Adelle L. Andrews as executrix of the same, to act without bond, presented by said Adelle L. Andrews, the executrix therein named.

Winona A. Durfee late of Fall River, Massachusetts, deceased; copy of will and petition for probate thereof presented by Algernon B. Chapman, the executor therein named.

ADDISON E. HERRICK, Judge of said Court.

A true copy—attest: ALBERT D. PARK, Register.

11-30-16.

NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that she has been duly appointed guardian of Daniel A. Coffin of Milton Plantation in the County of Oxford, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

EDITH M. JACKSON.

October 17th, 1916.

11-30-16.

RUMFORD

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Baker are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a son, who has been named Leon Bernard. Mrs. W. P. McDonald and Miss Rachel Barker are guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Parker.

The Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church held their annual fair and sale on Tuesday afternoon of this week in the church vestry.

Sunday evening, Dec. 17, there will be a sacred concert at the Majestic Theatre, the proceeds to be used in buying Christmas presents for the poor of Rumford and Mexico. The concert will be in charge of a committee from the several mills.

The following pieces of furniture are in the High School Manual Training room: Library table, ladies' dresser, hall trees, tabourets, flower stands, gun cabinet, combination desk and drafting table for the high school manual training room, and a model garage. The club or slide for the Obisholm school playground is nearing completion.

Miss Evelyn Moleher has returned to Rumford to spend a time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richmond L. Moleher of Pine street. Miss Moleher has for several years taught school in Butte, Montana.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Arsenault of Bemis are spending ten days in Boston, Hyde Park and Lawrence.

The sum of \$70.00 was realized from the fair aid, supper given by the Ladies' Aid of the Virginia District last week.

Mrs. Robert Austin has been suffering with blood poisoning in her finger.

In these times of high prices and increasing living costs, it is pleasing to note that the Rumford Falls Light and Water Company is to reduce its lighting rate in the villages of Rumford, Mexico and Biddeford. Commencing January 1st, 1917, the rate for lighting will be 9 cents per kilowatt-hour, and the usual ten per cent discount will be allowed for prompt payment of bills. The management of the Company is making this reduction, believing that the reduced rates will encourage a larger use of its service, and materially increase the number of customers in these communities.

Much interest is being shown in the coming production of Longfellow's "Hiawatha," which will be presented in the Majestic Theatre on Friday and Saturday evenings of this week. There are to be 200 participants in the cast, the principal characters of the play being taken by the following high school students: Hiawatha, Arthur Curran; Minnehaha, Nellie Dennis; Nokomis, Ruth Morse; Arrowmaker, Earl Ferguson; Sagoy, Richard Harriman; Mondamin, Norton Linnell; Pauk Kewiss, Alban Melanson.

The seven year old son of Mrs. Lydia Hilton of Hillsdale avenue, Virginia District, was drowned on Saturday. Young Hilton with other boys was out in the woods near Blanchard Brook, and he started to walk across a reservoir, getting about half way across, when he broke through and was drowned. His body was recovered by Leo Bourdard, but could not be resuscitated. Besides his mother, he leaves a brother and two sisters, all older. His father, Henry Hilton, was electrocuted about three years ago by coming in contact with a live electric wire while working on the Oxford mill extension.

Waldo Lovejoy of Dartmouth College has been spending several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Lovejoy, of Franklin street.

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Rumford Lodge of Elks observed the annual Memorial Service in the Majestic Theatre on Sunday afternoon in a very impressive manner. Majestic Theatre was filled to its capacity at the appointed hour, and after the opening remarks

A Head Full of Ache

There are many forms of headache, but the sick headache is about the worst. When it once fastens on you, it lasts a good while, unless you know how to get rid of it. Sick headache usually comes from the stomach or liver, and you must help these organs before the head can be relieved. A few doses of "L. E." Atwood's Medicine will put your stomach to rights, regulate the bile, and set on the bowels. As soon as good order is secured, the dizzy feeling and nagging pain will leave your head, and soon you will be as well as ever. No medicine is better for sick headache or biliousness.

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OH! MY BACK!

The Expression of Many a Kidney Sufferer in Bethel

A stubborn backache is cause to suspect kidney trouble. When the kidneys are inflamed and swollen, stooping brings a sharp twinge in the small of the back, that almost takes the breath away. Doan's Kidney Pills revive sluggish kidneys—relieve aching backs. Here's Bethel proof:

B. F. Brown, High St., Bethel, says: "I was troubled by a dull, heavy ache across my back. It annoyed me nearly all the time and I couldn't stoop or do anything without bringing on pain. I often noticed when I got up quickly, I was dizzy and little spots floated before my eyes. Doan's Kidney Pills were recommended to me and I got them at Bossman's Drug Store. I soon had relief. I used, all told, about five boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills and today I am free from all symptoms of kidney complaint."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Brown had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

fitting to the occasion were made by Exalted Ruler Philip Israelson, followed by prayer, the roll call of the departed Elks was carried out with all the formal ceremonies of the order. Judge Harrie L. Webber of the Lewiston Lodge was the speaker of the afternoon, and delivered a splendid address befitting the occasion. The Bates Male Quartette gave several selections, while several orchestral selections were given by a local orchestra.

Edwin Swain, son of Roscoe E. Swain of Knox street, who has been in the lumbering business in Quebec Province for the past two years, arrived home for Thanksgiving, and it is understood that he will not return to Quebec at present.

At a regular convocation of Strathglass Commandery the order of the Red Cross was worked on two candidates: Guy R. Wescott of the International Paper Company, and Richard I. Peter son, proprietor of Hotel Rumford, by Fred J. Latham. The order of Malta was conferred by Past Commander Mrs. B. Stevenson.

The many friends of Mrs. Roscoe Knight were shocked to learn on Saturday morning of her sudden death. She arose in the morning, feeling in her usual good health, and was engaged in the task of getting breakfast when she was overtaken by a serious heart attack and died instantly. She leaves besides her husband, one son Alton.

The machine tenders, pressmen, and bundlers of the Continental Paper Bag Mill had a general walk-out on Monday morning. They had asked for a 15 per cent increase in wages, and the company will grant only a 10 per cent raise. Therefore the walk-out was the result, when they paraded up and down Congress street several times, giving a cheer now and then. The girls of the mill are also obliged to stop work, as without the men they are unable to run the machines. So the mill is shut down for the time being.

The International Paper Mill of this town received word on Monday, that beginning from December 1st, the 15th of each month thereafter, the employees would receive, in addition to their regular wages, a check for 10 per cent of their wages for the month preceding. This raise is particularly pleasing as it was not requested.

Quite a party of people from Rumford are going to take advantage of the excursion to Boston on Friday of this week for the purpose of hearing Billy Sunday.

Superintendent Fred E. Sanborn of the Portland Division of the Maine Central and Assistant Superintendent of Motive Power A. R. Manderson were in town on Monday of this week, going through to Quosagoc and returning on Wednesday.

BILLY SUNDAY SERVICES.

One of the Best Summaries We Have Seen.

We notice the Boston Transcript is making a special report of Billy Sunday Tabernacle Services in their Friday Weekly.

These installments are most entertainingly written, and we feel that you will find them so whether you are interested in Mr. Sunday's work or not. For fifty cents you can get the complete series (three months' numbers), or they will send a sample copy for the asking.

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If Mothers Only Knew.

Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children relieve Feverishness, Headache, Bad Stomach, Teething Disorders, move and regulate the Bowels and destroy worms. They break up colds in 24 hours. Used by mothers for 25 years. All Druggists, 25c. Sample FREE. Address, Mother Gray Co., Lowell, N. Y.

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WEST PARIS

Two car loads of cans arrived Friday to be used at the corn shop next year, and two more are expected very soon. And many carloads are to follow.

Misses Ella and Clara Berry are having a very handsome bungalow built on Pioneer street by H. A. Bacon and help from Bryant's Pond.

Thanksgiving Day was very rainy and detained some-at home who had arranged otherwise. Among those who were entertained in town were: Rev. and Mrs. D. A. Ball at Dr. Wheeler's; Mr. and Mrs. Mosher and daughter of South Paris at E. D. Stilwell's; Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Bowker of Portland with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Tuell; Mr. and Mrs. Levi Shedd and Mrs. Clara Ryder at P. C. Mayhew's; Mrs. Clara Riddon and Mrs. Dora Jackson at L. H. Penley's; and Mrs. Emma Mann and Maford Mann of Norway at A. H. Mann's; Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Riddon were with her father, E. W. Penley.

Perhaps the largest dinner party entertained here was at Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Curtis', where about thirty guests were present, among whom were Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. George Curtis and children of North Paris, Mr. and Mrs. James Curtis, Miss Ella Curtis, Rev. and Mrs. L. W. Grady, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Curtis and sons, Merton and Linwood.

Rev. Sarah Robinson and mother, Mrs. Bell, were entertained at S. T. White's.

Among those who went away were the public school teachers, who went to their homes excepting Miss Wall, who went to Springville; Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Mann with Mrs. Mann's father, Leslie Newell, in Sumner; Mr. and Mrs. Bert Day to Everett Robbins' in Sumner.

The remains of Ralph, son of Everdell and Mamie (Ellingwood) Harmon, were brought here Monday P. M. from Massachusetts for burial. The little boy was about 13 years of age. His death was from appendicitis. The sympathy of all goes out to the parents as they are both blind and this bright capable little boy gave promise of great assistance to them. Besides the parents he leaves a sister, younger. Mr. and Mrs. Harmon have spent the summer with her father, O. D. Ellingwood here and the two children have been in Massachusetts with the paternal grandparents. They reached home just before the boy's death. Prayer service was held at the M. E. church, Tuesday morning, and the interment was in West Paris cemetery.

Mrs. F. E. Wheeler was given a very pleasant birthday surprise party on Saturday evening. The affair was planned by Dr. Wheeler and the seven invited guests were asked to come at 7.30. The Wheeler family were invited to ten at Rev. D. A. Ball's. After supper the doctor excused himself for office hours and went home to arrange for the guests. Later word was sent to Mrs. Wheeler that she had a caller. On getting home again was her surprise when Mrs. F. H. Packard, Miss Alice Penley, Mrs. C. L. Riddon, Mrs. L. H. Penley, Mrs. E. J. Mann, Mrs. C. A. Bacon and Mrs. H. Wardwell walked out from the doctor's office. Refreshments of harlequin ice cream, fancy crackers, nuts, confectionery and a beautiful birthday cake was served. Mrs. Wheeler received a beautiful wrist watch, flowers and many other pretty gifts. Whist was enjoyed during the evening.

Monday evening another delightful birthday party was given Mrs. Cynthia Heath Curtis on the occasion of her 75th birthday. Arrangements were quietly made by her daughter, Mrs. H. Tuell and granddaughter, Mrs. Elliott Mann, and proved a great surprise. Mrs. Curtis received gifts of flowers, bon-bons, and many other pretty things. Miss Alice Barden played several selections on the piano in her usual pleasing manner. The invited guests were: Rev. and Mrs. D. A. Ball, Miss Sara Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Mann, Mrs. Jennie Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Barden and daughters, Laura and Alice, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Willis, Mrs. Emma Rose, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Tuell, Mrs. Elvira Dennen, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Tuell, A. L. Bacon, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Mann and Lewis Jacob; not quite all of the guests were able to be present, but a good company passed a pleasant evening. Refreshments of harlequin ice cream, crackers, confectionery and a handsome birthday cake with inscription of her initials and age. The company extended many good wishes for added years of health and happiness.

The remains of Mr. Parquhar of Gorham, N. H., were brought here Tuesday afternoon for burial. Mr. Parquhar married Mrs. Nellie Hammond, widow of the late Geo. Hammond. They have lived at Gorham for several years.

Rev. D. A. Ball went to Biddeford,

Monday, to attend a board meeting of Ferry Beach officers. From Tuesday to Thursday he was in Portland with the boys of the Corn Club who were eligible to attend the ovation given them by the Maine Canaling Association and Portland Board of Trade. Mr. Ball is leader of the Club and nine boys had raised corn sufficient to attend.

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ANDOVER

Clarence Akers, who spent Thanksgiving with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Akers, returned to Portland, Saturday.

One of the pleasant family gatherings on Thanksgiving Day was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Akers on Main street, when they entertained their daughters and families: Mr. and Mrs. McAllister from Oxford, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Talbot and two daughters from Augusta, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Pratt, Jr. and daughter and Margaret Akers of this town.

Mrs. Beall and Mrs. Y. A. Thurston entertained Mr. Lincoln Dresser on Thanksgiving Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Akers had as guests J. E. Mills and family and Mr. Frank Field on Thanksgiving Day.

John Howey and family were guests of Wm. Smith and wife at East Andover, Thanksgiving Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Thomas had as guests Mr. and Mrs. Roger Thurston and daughter and Bert Dunn and family, Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Akers entertained their son, Clarence Akers of Portland, and their daughters, Ellen and Annie Akers, last week.

Mary Newton, wife of Harvey L. Newton, passed away Wednesday morning, Nov. 29, at her home on Newton street. Mrs. Newton had been ill only a few days and her death came as a shock to the community. She leaves besides her husband a step-daughter, Mrs. J. G. Pike of Cabot, Vermont, and two step-sons, Frank Newton and Fred Newton of this town. Mrs. Newton was a member of the Methodist church, a member of the Ladies' Aid, also of the King's Daughters and of Louis Mountain Grange. She was kind hearted, sympathetic and helpful in all these orders, and in many homes where sickness and death had entered she was ever ready to minister to her friends. A good woman has gone and her loss will be keenly felt by all.

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Much thought has been put into the lectures, which will be given by experts from Ohio, and elsewhere, and an instructive hour may be expected by all who avail themselves of these talks. As first class hotel accommodations are always to be had in Portland, the fear of having no place in which to stop need not prevent anyone from planning to spend a day or two in the city to take in the exhibit. To the expert in poultry the show has a keen interest, and also the housewife, and casual observer cannot help being pleased and interested with so great an exhibit of this character.

Mr. Merrill will be very glad to answer inquiries directed to him in Andover.

NEWRY.

Miss Lillian Dean went to her home on Sunday River, Wednesday night, and did not return till Monday morning.

Mrs. Jonathan Smith, who has been very ill, is a little better at this writing. Her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Martin of North Paris, is caring for her.

Frederic Taylor has gone to Rumford to work.

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POEMS WORTH READING

WINTER.

One man's grumbler,
Says 'taint nice,
Klekin' at the cold snap
He sells ice.

One man's happy,
Bless your soul,
He wants it zero
He sells coal.—B. G.

SNOW.

See the pretty snowflakes filling all the air
Little fairy feathers, falling everywhere;
Covering dale and hillside and the
woodlands brown;
Till the place has been transformed into
a fairy town.

In purity descending from the heavens
above,
What a beautiful emblem of a Savior's love!
Beneath a snowy blanket now the flower
or's sleep,
While their guardian angels strictest
vigils keep.

—Mary L. Kemper.

WINTER FRIENDS.

By Helen M. Richardson.
When winter skies are dull and gray,
And summer birds have flown away;
When not a flower decks the hill,
And even insect sounds are still;
When winds go moaning through the
trees,
And all the beauty that one sees
Is cloud ships sailing to and fro,
How good it seems to see a crow.

To see a crow and hear it caw,
What though the winds are bleak and
raw!

This speck of black with flapping wings
Unto the drooping spirit brings
A feeling of contented cheer,
As though a long-lost friend drew near.
He brightens winter's dreary days
This crow with all his homely ways.

And when a flock of them invade
The stillness, and on dress parade,
O'er snow-white fields with stately
trend,
Or circling darkly overhead,
Disport in antics that proclaim
Them despots, still their very name
In winter makes our pulses glow—
We love them though their name is
Crow.

A MOTHER'S SMILE.

C. R. W.
O for a mother's smile;
A hymn to lighten woes—
From grief it doth beguile,
Like tender mother's flow.

'Tis not in evidence sweet
And smiles so brightly bland,
We always friendship meet,
Or grasp the truest hand.

The world's dull heart throbs not
In friendship's power vein,
Her gems are so begot
They canker, rust and stain.

But in a mother's smile,
One clearest pearl is found—
To brighten and beguile
Life's checkered hours around.

'Tis a radiance circling white,
Round joys that ripen grow,
It's synonym of life
The blissful angels know.

And gleaming softly clear,
Upon misfortune's hour,
E'en sorrow's sacred tear
Hath not its magic power.

It shines a morning star!
O'er youth's uncertain way—
In error's night afar,
It oft precedes the day.

Then mothers, often smile,
And weep but when you must—
For hearts hold grief and guile,
And mourners turn to dust.

THE DOG.

Edgar A. Guest, in Detroit Free Press.
I've never known a dog to wag
His tail in gloom he didn't feel,
Nor quit his old-time friend to lag
At some old-time friend's heel.

I've never known a dog to fawn
The yellowest I ever knew
Was to the boy who loved him, true.

I've never known a dog to show
Half-way devotion to his friend,
To seek a kinder man to know,
Or richer, but unto the end
The humblest dog I ever knew
Was to the man that loved him, true.

I've never known a dog to take
Affection for a present gain,
A false display of love to make
Some little favor to attain.
I've never known a dog to flatter
That seemed to be what he was not.

She Baked Today With



William Tell Flour

But I've known a dog to fight
With all his strength to shield his
friend,
And whether wrong, or whether right
To stick with him unto the end,
And I have known a dog to lick
The hand of him that men would kick.

And I have known a dog to beat
Starvation's pangs from day to day
With him who had been glad to share
His bread and meat along the way.
No dog, however mean or rude,
Is guilty of ingratitude.

The dog is listed with the dumb,
No voice has he to speak his creed.
His message to humans come
By faithful conduct and by deed.
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For Christmas

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NORTH NEWRY.

Miss Lena Thompson is visiting relatives in this place.

Sandy Forbes has gone to Massachusetts to visit his mother, Mrs. C. E. Tidwell.

Mrs. J. H. Carter, Jr., and children spent Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Kilgore.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Wright played for a dance at Upton, Thanksgiving night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Kilgore went to take them up with their auto. There was a good crowd. At intermission Mr. and Mrs. Cedric Jenkins served the supper which consisted of roast chicken, baked potatoes, oyster stew and poultry.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. James were Sunday guests at H. O. Chapman's.

Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Wright went to Errol to spend Thanksgiving.

R. W. Kilgore and M. A. Kilgore went to East Sumner, Sunday.

Mr. D. H. Goss, who has been staying at W. B. Wright's, returned to his home in Rutherford, N. J., Saturday.

Miss Mae Bennett is at home from Portland for a few days.

Chester Chapman is working in the woods for Brown and Walker.

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RUMFORD POINT.

Mrs. Roscoe Knight died very suddenly, Saturday morning while getting breakfast, the cause being heart failure.

Mrs. Baker and daughter, Elizabeth, went to Portland to spend Thanksgiving with her daughter, Florence.

Mrs. Little Caldwell is visiting relatives in Massachusetts.

Guy Merrill has gone to Errol, N. H., visiting lumber.

The Conrad family have moved to the Otis House farm on White Cap.

The Home Circle

Pleasant Reveries—A Column
Dedicated to Tired Mothers
as they join the Home
Circle at Evening Tide

THE TRAGEDY OF THE USELESS CHRISTMAS PRESENT.

This is the time of the year when everybody's thoughts are turning toward Christmas presents and every woman is sitting up with a pencil and a piece of paper and a wild-looking eye, asking herself: What shall I give Mary and Jane and Tom and Bob and Aunt Ellen and Uncle Harry and all the balance of my friends and family?

To this woman—and her name is Mrs. Legion—I would like to make one suggestion and it is this: Give something useful. Don't waste a penny on silly trumpery this Christmas, but make every present supply a need that would else be an aching want to the person to whom you make a Christmas present.

This year times are hard. Thousands of people who are ordinarily well to do are in want. Other thousands have had their incomes reduced. There is hardly a person, save the millionaire, who is not having to economize more than usual, and under such circumstances to spend money for foolishness is nothing short of a crime.

The silly, useless, meaningless Christmas present is never a welcome gift at any time. Who wants a five-dollar hand-painted Christmas card with a lot of doggerel poetry printed in one corner of it? Who wants a ribbon-bedecked celluloid atrocity whose purpose is a fathomless mystery? Who wants any of the myriad little flimsy silver and near silver trifles that clutter up a dressing table or sideboard? Who wants the embroidered and knitted and velvet and plunk and satin what-you-may-call-em with which our friends endow us at Christmas and which serve no earthly purpose except as dust and germ catchers?

For myself, I am never so impressed with the fact that Christmas is, indeed, the season of peace on earth and good will toward men, as when I observe the noble and forgiving spirit with which people accept the junk that is donated them at Christmas. Otherwise they would rise up and smite the giver, hip and thigh, for having bestowed upon them trash that is an insult to their common sense and an outrage to their tastes.

The average bunch of Christmas presents does not contain three things that its recipient would not gladly chuck into the garbage can if he or she had the courage to do it. Yet this lot of silly rubbish has cost many dollars, sometimes hundreds of dollars, good money that would have bought dozens of useful articles, needed articles, that would have made the person to whom they were given more comfortable, enabled him or her to be better dressed, and caused him or her to overflow with perpetual gratitude toward the giver. And that's the tragedy of the Christmas gift.

Of course there are a lot of people who will say that it robs a Christmas gift of its poetry and idealism to make it practical. Retail. The affection that expresses itself in taking cognizance of our needs and trying to supply them appeals a lot more to us than does the high-falutin' sentimentality that manifests itself in useless beautiful and symbolic terms—that sends us, for example, \$25 worth of American Beauty roses when we've got holes in our shoes.

The hardest task that any of us ever have to do is to look grateful and appreciate at Christmas and write the proper note of thanks; and the reason of this is that you would be more than human if it didn't make you mad to contemplate this awful waste of money that your friends have fooled away on things for which you have no use and no place for, and to think how many things that you needed and were dying to have you could have bought with the price.

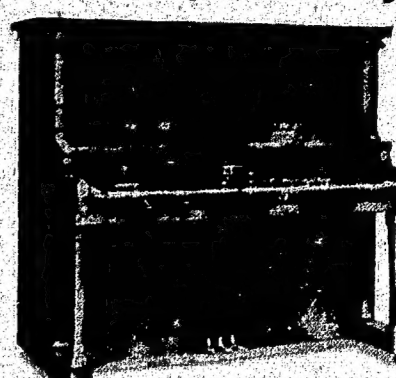
We are all really in the frame of mind of a young man who once showed me a couple of hundred of ally presents he had received from girls and who, after sadly inquiring of me what I supposed most of the things were intended for, remarked: "Geel! I'd trade the whole lot off for one good pair of socks!"

This sort of foolish and useless Christmas buying is bad at any time, but in this particular year of war and woe it is absolutely execrable. So I say to the woman who is making out her Christmas list: Apply the Golden Rule to your Christmas shopping. Buy nothing that you do not know to be useful and that you would not like to have somebody present to you.

So far as your women friends are concerned just remember that no woman was ever overstocked with handkerchiefs, or silk stockings, or lingerie, or towels, or table napery, or, for that matter, table accessories.

Give young girls things to wear late

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or slippers, or gowns, as many and as fine as your purse allows, but nothing from a Paris frock to an artificial flower ever goes amiss that goes to a girl. Instead of giving a dinky lot of foolishness to each of the various members of a household lump your money and make a gift to the family of some needed piece of furniture that will be a comfort to them for years to come. Just remember what your friends need and send that to them. Personally, the most enjoyable Christmas present I ever got was a gorgeous lot of cooking utensils. Don't be afraid to send boxes of fancy groceries. That will always be an acceptable present as long as there's an appetite left in the world.

And when you can't think of anything especially appropriate to give to an individual just send a check. That is always received with paeans of gratitude, especially by children, who find a double excitement in a Christmas gift of money, because it gives them the thrill of going shopping and buying just what they want.

We are always hearing at Christmas that it is more blessed to give than to receive. The reason of that is because we don't have to have around us the junk we bestow on others. We can make it both blessed to give and to receive if we push along the useful Christmas gift line. Dorothy Dix.

A GOOD CHRISTMAS PRESENT WOULD BE A SUBSCRIPTION OF ONE YEAR TO THE CITIZEN.

HANOVER.

James Hayford, who is clerking in a drug store at Colbrook, N. H., spent Thanksgiving week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Hayford.

Beverett Billings has taken a job to cut pulp wood for Smith Bros., and moved his family to the Clark place for the winter.

The Domestic Science Club of the Rumford Point High School gave a whist party at Union Hall, Dec. 1. Roy Stearns won first prize and Mrs. Fred Silver the consolation.

Elson Hammond has moved his family to Newry Corner, where he has a job cutting pulp. He will reside with Henry Stearns.

Mr. M. P. Bean of Falls Church, Virginia is visiting his sister, Mrs. E. A. Roberts.

Schools in town began Dec. 4 with the same teachers as last fall.
Books for boys and girls at L. M. Stearns'.

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WINTER EGGS AND HOW TO GET THEM.

By G. E. Conkey.

How are you and your hens going to get along this winter? Are they going to pay their own way or will you have to carry them along as a dead expense until warm weather?

It will pay you to think about this now and to plan the handling of your birds for the coming months. When you once look into the subject of winter laying you will find it extremely interesting and you will get a lot of pleasure from carrying out ideas that you feel will make it easier for your flock to sing winter egg songs.

WINTER HOUSING.

Usually all that is necessary to start such welcome sounds is to house the birds comfortably, keep them free from fear, and feed enough of the right foods to furnish a surplus of material over what the birds need for heat and energy and for repairing their waste tissues.

The housing can very easily be taken care of by seeing that the winter home of your birds is dry and free from drafts; that it provides each bird with at least four square feet of floor space; and that it is kept clean and sanitary. Hens need lots of fresh air, so it is a good plan to have the south side of their house contain a good sized opening covered with muslin. This will admit plenty of air, yet protect the birds from cold winds and snow.

When your birds are on the roosts, they will need more warmth than during the day, but the roosting quarters should not be overheated. If there is a light wall back of the roosts and on each side, a piece of burlap hung in front of them will afford the birds ample protection in even very cold weather.

PROTECTION FROM LICE.

The lice problem, too, can be easily disposed of by occasionally dusting your birds with a good lice powder and keeping them supplied with a dust bath or rubbing them with a lice ointment.

WINTER FEEDING.

The third and most interesting phase of winter egg production is the proper method of feeding. There are a number of different opinions on this and it affords every poultry owner an opportunity for some practical experimenting. However, you will find it hard to improve upon mixed grains for the morning meal.

You can make an excellent grain ration by mixing equal parts of wheat and cracked corn or equal parts of wheat, oats and cracked corn. In extremely cold weather the proportion could be changed to two parts of cracked corn to one part of each of the other grains.

All grains should be fed in a deep litter, so that your birds will have to hunt out every kernel and thereby be kept busy all day long. In that way they will get enough exercise to keep them in laying trim. No matter how much care you give your hens, they will not lay if they are allowed to become lazy and overfat.

However, when grains alone are fed, it is hard for hens to eat enough to supply the surplus material necessary for egg production. For this reason, you will do well to also feed a good mash. There are a number of ways of making such a mash and it might be well for

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NEW POLICY NEEDED IN GOVERNMENT RAILWAY CONTROL

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CREDIT MUST BE IMPROVED

Increase of Transportation Facilities
Necessary to Secure Relief From
High Cost of Living May Thus Be
Provided For by the Railroads.

Washington, Nov. 28.—A new policy of government railroad regulation, based on constructive principles of helpfulness and encouragement instead of upon principles of repression and punishment, was urged by Alfred P. Thom, counsel for the Railway Executive's Advisory Committee, the first witness on behalf of the railroads before the Newlands Joint Committee on Interstate Commerce, which has instituted a general inquiry into the problems of railroad regulation.

"It is proposed by the joint resolution of Congress," said Mr. Thom, "to go into a comprehensive study of the whole subject of transportation, to make a new assessment, after 20 years of experiment, of its history, its present conditions and its future needs. The railroads accept the view that regulation is a permanent and enduring part of government in America and that the first duty of the carriers is to the public. That duty is to afford reasonable facilities on reasonable terms and at reasonable rates, and this must be done before any private interests can be considered."

Certainty, Safety and Sufficiency. Mr. Thom contended that the real interest of the public is in being assured of certainty, safety and sufficiency of transportation facilities, rather than in rates. The first consideration of the public is to obtain transportation facilities. What the cost is, is in reality a second consideration, he said.

Mr. Thom proposed an increase of transportation facilities as a method of securing relief from the high cost of living. "There have been less than 1,000 miles of new railroad constructed in the United States during the past year," he said, "less than in any year since 1848, except the period of the Civil War, and yet the cost of living is daily advancing owing to a shortage of supplies which might be remedied by securing access to new areas of production."

Credit Must Be Improved. "This leads to the consideration as to whether railroad credit is as good as the public interest requires. It is impossible for railroads to earn enough to supply the necessary new facilities from current revenue. They must be provided from credit. Investors cannot be coerced, but must be attracted."

Among the conditions affecting railroad credit which deter investors he mentioned the following:

"First, Railroad revenues are not controlled by investors, but are fixed and limited by governmental authority and not by one but by several governmental authorities, which do not recognize responsibility for assured results to investors and are uncoordinated."

"Second, Railroads cannot control and the government cannot and does not limit the expense account."

"Third, The present system of regulation is based on a policy of regulation and correction and not on a policy of helpfulness and encouragement."

"Fourth, The outstanding obligations of the railroads have already exceeded the financial rule of safety and involve a disproportionate amount of obligations bearing fixed charges."

"Fifth, The investor must accept a subordinate obligation or security with no assurance of a surplus of earnings to support it."

"Sixth, Other competitive lines of investment present superior attractions."

"Seventh, The railroad business is largely controlled by political instead of business considerations."

Look Forward, Not Back. "We may debate about what has caused the present conditions," said Mr. Thom, "but we cannot debate about what the people need. The President has taken the view that we must look forward in this matter and make a fresh assessment of circumstances in order to deal helpfully and intelligently with the problem. Abuses are no more prevalent in the railroad business today than in any other business humbly conducted. The great question now is whether the existing system of regulation gives the public reliable assurance of sufficient present and future railroad facilities."

"Those who oppose any change must make their appeal on the ground that the present system assures the public of the continued adequacy of transportation facilities. If they do not, no argument based on the desirability of the present dual system of regulation will be accepted by public judgment. The question of 'states' rights' is not involved. If the regulation of transportation facilities privately owned should fall government ownership must follow, and then all power of the states over the railroads would disappear."

"Let us debate this question, then, not upon any mere theory or jealousy as to the distribution of governmental power, but upon the large issue of what the public interest requires in respect of the assurance of adequate transportation service."

HOW PATE DEALS STRANGE HANDS.

A Southwest Story of 1896 Which Ended in 1916 in a Mexican Border Town. Sand Storm on the Desert. What a Real Wind, Sand and Rain Storm Is Like Out on the Arizona Prairies.

(M. J. Brown.)

About twenty years ago in southwest Texas there were two or three bands of hold-ups that made railroad a nightmare to the Southern Pacific and a dread to the passengers.

This was in the days of Jack Ketchum, Sam Bass and like "bad men."

Any time the high cost of living bothered them they rounded up the boys and held up a limited somewhere along the desert between Del Rio and El Paso.

They left the mail alone and seldom bothered the express car. They confined tribute largely to the passengers, hence had only the railroad to hunt them—and for a number of years the railroad did not have very much success.

After a hold-up the band would scatter all over west Texas, and anyone who has been over the great semi-desert tracts of the Devil's river and Pecos countries, knows it is some country to scatter in.

Then, too, many of the men in these hold-up expeditions were native cow punchers, adventuresome fellows who like the excitement—and the coin—and the cattlemen would hide them out and aid them in every way to elude capture.

And now here comes a story, a rather singular, absolutely true tale:

During these uneasy railroad days a bunch held up a through train at midnight and raided the sleepers. One passenger refused to contribute and tried to use his gun. He was killed.

He was a man of influence and coin and his killing aroused the railroad to offer big rewards for rounding up the bandits. Purses after posse was sent into the brush and the most of them were killed or caught.

Among the hunted was a native cowboy, a young fellow with many friends in the cow country—a genial fellow and a splendid rider and roper. He went in with the bunch for the novelty and excitement—and let me tell you if a preacher lived out in the sticks of west Texas for two years he would join a band of lawless fellows just to break the unbearable monotony.

He was wounded in the leg in a getaway one night from a ranch house where he was hiding. He hid out in the brush for days, food being brought to him by his friends, but the wound became infected and dangerous and he had to give himself up.

He was indicted, tried and sentenced to Huntsville prison for life, and before he went there his wounded leg was amputated.

He protested he had no part in the killing, but some one had to satisfy the clamor for justice, so he went over the road for the long term.

Eleven years ago I lived for a time with the cowboys in Devil's river and became well acquainted with the brothers of the convicted man and his many friends.

It was the general impression the convicted boy was railroaded to satisfy public clamor, and petitions signed by nearly every rancher and cowboy in West Texas had been sent to the governor, asking for a pardon. But the executive was too wise—and a candidate for renomination.

Later I returned to New York and some months later the brothers and cowboys wrote asking if I would not take the matter up with the congressman of my district and see if some influence could not be pushed into the Texas governor for a pardon.

I took the matter up with E. V. Vreeland, who was congressman at the time, and he in turn took it up with the Texas delegation, and weeks later I received a letter from him from Washington, humorously stating that the Texas representatives said that while shooting a man was not considered an unpardonable crime in Texas, and that incidents like this case were often met with leniency, but train robbing and cattle rustling were decidedly serious, and they doubted if the governor would be moved to sympathy in this particular case.

However three years later, in Oregon City, I received a letter from the convict, stating he had been pardoned, and expressing real warm cowboy gratitude for what I had done for him.

And here the story would naturally end. But it did not.

One hot night in July of this summer I was walking the streets of a border town when I heard a man call to another across the street.

The name was the same as the cowboy's—an old name—and in an instant it recalled the forgotten convict and his history.

I looked across the street and there was a man on crutches—and this is all of the story.

He was talking with a lady. I was not sure he was the man. It was circumstantial evidence, and I did not care to introduce myself before the lady as I would have to establish my

identity.

The next day I made inquiries. I asked the clerk in a cigar store if he knew a man by the name of—

"Sure, I know him. He left for St. Charles, La., last night."

Here is something different:

I stopped for three days at Casa Grande, Arizona, a desert town of about three hundred. It had two newspapers and future prospects. Also a company of soldiers. The merchants did considerable trade with ranchers and homesteaders, and as there was a water tank there where all through trains stopped to take a drink, it had a right to be a "hot" on the map.

One oppressively hot afternoon a little breeze began to blow from the north-east, and the soldiers, as well as myself, would stand under the drip of the water tank and then let the breeze get in its work. And it was some refreshing.

Soon fine particles of sand came with the wind, and they were not so refreshing. The wind increased—so did the sand.

The soldiers were Arizona guardsmen. They knew what was coming and hiked for their camp. I knew something was coming and I beat it for the hotel.

I raised the window of my bedroom in the second floor and a sweep of dust and sand drove in. I shut it, waited and suffocated.

If you never saw a desert sand-storm you have missed a scary experience—one that gives a new sensation or two. One can never tell whether it is just a blow that is going to bring rain, or whether it is going to be one of the real pushing and lifting kind that rips up desert towns with more or less regularity.

The sand darkens the sun. No one can stand against it. You can't see across the street and you couldn't walk across if you could see, for the force of the wind would down you.

There is something awesome and fearful when these storms get to tearing across a desert. Even the old timers catch the fear. But there is nothing to it but sit tight and take a chance, for there are no Kansas "severe holes" to jump into for safety.

I sat by the window trying to get a glimpse of something through the blowing sand, while the little hotel rang with cries of the landlady and kids who were trying to anchor the sleeping cots on the veranda roof.

And then came rain—a deluge—and the dust went into the mud business. The water took the place of the sand. It was blown in sheets.

I raised the window and watched the deluge. There came a grinding, crashing noise and something dark came up in front of the window. It remained there a second or two and fell with a crash. I hurriedly left the room and went to the sitting room under a skylight. A crash of glass overhead and a deluge of rain drove me to the dark stairway, where the Indian girl domestics and the fat landlady followed. There we remained until the worst was over, and I found it was a big tin roof from an adjoining building that came up to meet me at the window and that it was a restaurant sign that crashed through the skylight.

The storm subsided as quick as it started and when I went out on the street it was a lake of mud and water and one would sink over his shoes in the liquid mud. Signs and boxes strewn the street. Men and women took off their shoes and stockings and waded around hunting for wind-straw articles.

I waded out to the camp—and what a muddled-up sight. Every tent was flat, everything was thoroughly wet and the most of it driven into the mud. It was just before supper hour and the cook was fishing stuff out of the sand and trying to get a meal under way. It was a awful spectacle. And there was nothing to it for the soldiers but to sleep on the wet sand, in wetter clothing, and try to look pleasant. But the most of the guardmen had experienced these storms before and they met conditions with a smile.

After the hot sun had partially dried up the ground I witnessed a peculiar and interesting sight.

Going through a cross street I noted insects arising from the ground, and getting closer I saw they were coming out of the ground, hundreds of them every minute. They were a sort of winged ant, and there was a line perhaps ten feet across where the sand surface opened with tiny holes in hundreds of places and one after another of the insects would emerge, and after a second in the open air, fly away.

I carefully examined this strange proceeding and I noted an ant without wings would push up from below, force a passage through the damp soil, and after it would come the winged insect, which would fly away—hundreds of them every minute.

I called attention of others to the spot and soon there was a crowd of curious spectators, none of which had ever seen the like before, or could give any explanation of it.

Perhaps at some future rain period when the earth was soft, these insects

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had deposited their eggs there, and perhaps it took another rain to hatch the eggs and release the babies. Certainly for months the roadway had been packed so hard no insect could have gotten out or in. The strange part was the one insect which had no wings, who forced open the earth and liberated the thousands of others, coming one after another in hundreds of places from this one small piece of ground.

A stranger in a little desert town like Casa Grande, registering from a far-away state, remaining three days and not stating what his business is, becomes a subject of curiosity—and speculation.

At first I was stalked as a prospective land buyer, and every real estate dealer in town took turns in accidentally meeting me on the street or in the one cold drink emporium, and after a little conversation would mention they would like to give me a Ford view of the country. Later they had me booked as a real estate agent, and again as a government spy on the homesteaders, who built little shacks as a pretense of residence and then hiked out to get a job somewhere. One of the soldiers put me wise to the speculations on my identity and mission, and I was a very mysterious personage, without knowing it.

However, I concluded the government might do a little gun-shooting to advantage in regard to homesteads, for there are lots of men who file on the land and prove up with no other purpose than to hold the land until the day—which all believe will come—when a big irrigating project will make it very valuable.

They file on a quarter section, build a little shack, dig a well and then beat it. Some of them make a pretense of farming. They will pick out a little spot fairly free from mesquite and run a harrow or drag over it, and it is a field. Of course it is of no use to sow or plant it until rains come, and the rains don't come at the seeding time, so John holds down his claim and waits for the day when capital or the government will get the water to the land and Arizona will have a rival valley to Imperial.

SUNDAY RIVER.

Quite a number attended the Thanksgiving ball at Newry Corner.

Mrs. Geo. Spinney, Joe Spinney and Will Spinney were dinner guests of H. M. Kendall, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gorman spent Thanksgiving with their son, Grover.

Lewis Sweeney and family of Berlin spent Sunday at Hazen Sweeney's.

H. M. Kendall is pressing his wife week.

Fred Bartlett and Harry Williamson are helping Willie Powers yard his popular.

Mrs. Geo. E. Spinney and little son, Lewis, of Jackson, N. H., are visiting at H. M. Kendall's.

The many friends of Wm. Powers, Sr., will be sorry to learn that he has had to have his leg amputated above the knee. Mr. Powers had his leg broke some two weeks ago while yarding popular in Ketchum. Mr. Powers is in the Maine General Hospital at Portland.

Lincoln Cummings was in this place the first of the week, buying fur.

Jim Spinney and Howard Bailey unloaded a carload of grain at Bethel the first of the week for Jolbert and Gauthier.

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WINTER EGGS AND HOW TO GET THEM.

By G. E. Conkey.

How are you and your hens going to get along this winter? Are they going to pay their own way or will you have to carry them along as a dead expense until warm weather?

It will pay you to think about this now and to plan the handling of your birds for the coming months. When you once look into the subject of winter laying you will find it extremely interesting and you will get a lot of pleasure from carrying out ideas that you feel will make it easier for your flock to sing winter egg songs.

WINTER HOUSING.

Usually all that is necessary to start each welcome sound is to house the birds comfortably, keep them free from lice, and feed enough of the right foods to furnish a surplus of material over what the birds need for heat and energy and for repairing their waste tissues.

The housing can very easily be taken care of by seeing that the winter home of your birds is dry and free from drafts; that it provides each bird with at least four square feet of floor space; and that it is kept clean and sanitary. Hens need lots of fresh air, so it is a good plan to have the south side of their house contain a good sized opening covered with muslin. This will admit plenty of air, yet protect the birds from cold winds and snow.

When your birds are on the roosts, they will need more warmth than during the day, but the roosting quarters should not be overheated. If there is a light wall back of the roosts and on each side, a piece of burlap hung in front of them will afford the birds ample protection in even very cold weather.

PROTECTION FROM LICE.

The lice problem, too, can be easily disposed of by occasionally dusting your birds with a good lice powder and keeping them supplied with a dust bath or rubbing them with a lice ointment.

WINTER FEEDING.

The third and most interesting phase of winter egg production is the proper method of feeding. There are a number of different opinions on this and it affords every poultry owner an opportunity for some practical experimenting. However, you will find it hard to improve upon mixed grains for the morning meal.

You can make an excellent grain ration by mixing equal parts of wheat and cracked corn or equal parts of wheat, oats and cracked corn. In extremely cold weather the proportion could be changed to two parts of cracked corn to one part of each of the other grains.

All grains should be fed in a deep litter, so that your birds will have to hunt out every kernel and thereby be kept busy all day long. In that way they will get enough exercise to keep them in laying trim. No matter how much care you give your hens, they will not lay if they are allowed to become lazy and overfat.

However, when grains alone are fed, it is hard for hens to eat enough to supply the surplus material necessary for egg production. For this reason, you will do well to also feed a good mash. There are a number of ways of making such a mash and it might be well for

you to experiment until you find the one that gives best results with your flock under your particular conditions. Every mash, however, should contain a fair proportion of beef scraps, as the animal protein in them greatly aids digestion and egg production.

The mash found to be most productive of winter eggs by the Cornell experiment station is made by thoroughly mixing:

- 60 lbs. Cornmeal.
- 30 lbs. Wheat Middlings.
- 30 lbs. Wheat Bran.
- 10 lbs. Alfalfa Meal.
- 10 lbs. Oil Meal.
- 50 lbs. Beef Scraps.
- 1 lb. Salt.

Such a mash should be fed dry and kept before your birds at all times, so that they can help themselves whenever they feel hungry for it. If a good poultry tonic is mixed with it, the egg producing organs of your hens will be constantly regulated and the maximum egg yield made possible.

Another great help to egg production is buttermilk or skim milk, provided you have or can get a constant supply of it to feed regularly. When either is fed regularly, the amount of beef scraps can be cut in half.

A daily supply of succulent green food, too, will satisfy your bird's natural craving for green material and help to keep them in laying trim. You can supply green stuff by giving the birds sprouted oats or sliced vegetables, such as cabbage, beets, mangels or small potatoes.

Of course, grit, ground oyster shell, charcoal and fresh water should be kept before your birds all the time. In cold weather, the water should be heated enough to take the chill off.

These little attentions are quite a pleasure to the man or woman who is getting winter eggs, and, therefore, you are sure to find the carrying out of the plans and experiments along these lines both pleasant, interesting and profitable.

LOCKE'S MILLS.

Bert Woodsum of Mechanic Falls is helping Mrs. Tena Woodsum close her house.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Fiske and daughter were Thanksgiving guests of relatives at Waterford.

Mrs. Clara Brown is a guest of her sister, Mrs. Belle Cole, at Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Tebbets and children; Lester Tebbets and Fred Morton were Thanksgiving visitors with Mrs. B. L. Tebbets at Auburn.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Stowell attended the Thanksgiving ball at South Paris, Thursday.

Chris Bryant is quite ill at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Davis are visiting with his parents, S. F. Davis and wife, at North Newry.

Marlan McFarlane was a Thursday guest of her mother at Auburn.

Alma Cross visited with relatives at Lewiston over the holidays.

Ed. Goodwin was operated on at the C. M. G. Hospital for appendicitis, Friday.

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THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Events of Interest From Washington.

By J. E. Jones.

SHOW TRAINS TOUR THE COUNTRY.

Arkansas and Oklahoma are among the states that have loaded their choice exhibits in agricultural and natural products on to the cars and wooded trains about the country. Two separate trains from these states have recently visited Washington and other prominent cities. In one of the trains there were ten cars, most of which were given over to exhibits. Washington has the largest number of newspaper men of any city in the country and these men come from every state in the union. A great many of them are experts when it comes to devising ways for reaching the public mind. These men are analyzing plans put forward by states that sent out trains are almost unanimously agreed in the belief that such a form of advertising has merit. But the great expense attached to such a display makes it necessary that it be confined principally to the large cities. And it is doubtful whether this is the best field in which to solicit new settlers for any far-away section of the country. Even so, only a limited number of people can be reached, and if the Washington publicists are correct in their analysis, a proper use of printers' ink with the same amount of expenditure that is entailed by running special trains would go much further toward obtaining real results than can be expected from the show train.

WHO KILLED COOK ROBIN?

Nearly everybody has expressed an emphatic reason as to why Mr. Wilson won and Mr. Hughes lost. The American Economist is the weekly publication of the American Protective Tariff League and it has had a good deal to say about Mr. Hughes' defeat. The personal attacks upon President Wilson are described under the heading: "Lack of Prudence." Another article takes up former Senator Jonathan Bourne, junior, of Oregon, who is at the head of the Republican Publicity Association. His publicity propaganda is called "rank nonsense." Many men "who have consistently fought the battles of the Republican party agree with these criticisms. Around Washington there is no end of faultfinding with the campaign management of Mr. Wilson and the weak publicity carried out under the direction of Mr. Barry. If the republican critics and faultfinders are right the Democratic National Campaign was ably managed. Much credit is given to Mr. Woolley who directed the publicity.

ON THE FRONT PAGES.

In the shifting current of events, war has become an old story and most of the past months after election have been held. With the beginning of the hearings covering railroad matters, before the Newlands' Committee, interest centers about the attempt that has been begun by the Government to place the affairs of the railroads upon a basis that will safeguard the great property interests and at the same time provide a method of intelligent public supervision. During the past year there have been no new issues of railroad securities, and practically no development of any railroad properties. For a number of years a large number of the states have vied with Congress in attempts to show how many laws might be enacted regarding the railroads. The result has produced a chaotic condition and all people concerned, including the federal Government, the railroads, shippers, economists, labor unions and others, are preparing to point out to the Newlands' Committee a way by which the great railway interests may be safeguarded in the future while at the same time the rights of the public will be properly preserved.

INTERNAL PUNISHMENT.

When Woodrow Wilson became President of the United States, it was very generously advertised that he would act as the "Church of the Presidents," because that institution happened to be of Mr. Wilson's creed. For some reason best known to himself, the President passed by the edifice where Lincoln was worshipped, and where the original Lincoln pew remains intact.

The pastor of this particular church on a recent occasion startled his congregation by his utterances on "Internal Punishment." Answering the question "Is there a Hell?" the minister declared: "This question is one not to be answered by desire or fear, by

lawful sentiment or presumption, but by Divine revelation. I am not disturbed by what you think God ought to be or do, but by what he says. In heaven itself praise is sung of the 'wrath of the Lamb.'" The pastor declared that hell is not a place where physical agony is inflicted but he argued it is an exclusion from heaven. "It is restriction of liberty and privilege; it is the degradation of utter darkness; it is perdition of awful memory and remorse; it is eternal companionship with the devil and his angels."

By reason of the great prominence of the church, this old-fashioned doctrine, though somewhat modified from the way in which it was preached half a century ago, attracted a lot of interest in the Capital.

TAMMANY IN CONGRESS.

Those who are wondering what Tammany will do in Congress would do well to recall the visit of Congressman Fitzgerald and other Tammany democrats to the White House a year or more ago. Mr. Fitzgerald registered the protest of the Tammanyites, because they were left out at the pie counter, and in the general shaping of political activities. They were given to understand that they would be well treated by the Administration—and they doubtless were, considering the fact that the New York members of the Wilson official family are all of the "progressive faith." Tammany's good faith in the recent election has been questioned, and there have been veiled intimations that the "balance of power" held in Congress would be used to force the Administration to recognize the Tiger. All this sounds interesting "if true," and it may possibly have the approval of the famous chiefstains in New York City, but the Congressmen themselves, have let their attitude be known in Washington, and they have unqualifiedly pledged their support to the party to which they belong. In the last Congress Senator O'Gorman and Representative Fitzgerald, both members of Tammany, occupied positions of unusual prominence in the affairs of Congress. It is expected that they and their associates, will work in full cooperation with the Administration at the session of Congress to begin next month.

SOME TALKING.

Figures obtained from the Government Printing Office show that from June 1st to October 1st, forty-eight million copies of speeches of Senators and Representatives and political leaders were printed for distribution. It has been figured out that each speech required an average of three feet of paper, and if this basis is correct, there was a grand total of 144,000,000 feet, or 125,377 miles of paper used in printing these speeches. All this vast number of speeches appeared at one time in the Congressional Record. It is estimated that three thousand pounds of ink were used, and that it required six hundred pounds of paste to put the pages together.

WEST BETHEL.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Allen from Bethel spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Allen. Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Thurston spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Thurston at Bethel village. Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Hastings and daughter from Auburn were the guests of W. A. Farwell and family, Thursday. Clarence and Alice Barker entertained Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Smith from Gorham, N. H., also Mr. Malout from Lewiston, Thursday. Mrs. Helen Tyler was a guest of her daughter, Mrs. Dion Brown and family at Bethel village, Thursday. Mrs. George Luxton has been ill with a very bad cold. Mrs. Helen Tyler has been helping her. Mrs. W. D. Mills was in Norway quite recently. C. N. Mills from Portland was at Dexter Mills' quite recently. Mrs. T. E. Westleigh has returned from the hospital in Boston, where she went to have an operation on her throat which was a success. Mrs. Alice Ordway was called to Errol, N. H., last week by the death of her uncle. E. B. Mason is helping at W. A. Farwell's during Mr. Farwell's illness. Books for boys and girls at L. M. Stearns'. Adv.

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A FEW OF THOSE WHO OBSERVED THANKSGIVING.

Miss Elvira Holt dined with Mr. and Mrs. Millard Clough.

Mr. T. C. Chapman and family were entertained at Mr. H. H. Amos'.

Miss E. E. Burnham was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Lydia Barker.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hastings were guests at the Hastings homestead.

Mr. and Mrs. David Forbes dined with Mr. T. B. Burke and family.

Mrs. Luena and Guy Davis dined with Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Young.

Master Glenlyon Savin was the guest of Mr. Sumner Bean at Albany.

Miss Augusta Sanborn of Middlebury dined with Mrs. Ellen Hurlbank.

Rev. and Mrs. W. O. Curtis were guests of Dr. Baker and family at Auburn.

Misses Maria Robertson and Lizzie Stearns dined with Mrs. Angie M. Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Durell entertained Mr. Algernon Chapman and daughter, Angie.

Miss Nellie Ashby of Portland was the guest of Dr. and Mrs. R. R. Tibbitts.

Mr. Arthur Herriek and family dined with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Herriek.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Young and two sons were guests of Mr. Frank Elliot and family.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Rowe and son, Herbert, dined with Mr. and Mrs. Ceylon Rowe.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Bartlett dined with their daughter, Mrs. Fritz Tyler and family.

Miss Ethel Hammons of Portland was the guest of her mother, Mrs. P. A. Skillings.

Mr. and Mrs. Dana Grover of West Paris were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Valentius.

Mr. Thomas Brown was home from the Lakes and spent Thanksgiving with his family.

Mr. Fred Wood spent Thanksgiving with relatives in Greene, returning home, Saturday.

Miss Laura Cummings of Rumford dined with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Cummings.

Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Brown and son, Ernest, were guests of Dr. Brown's mother at Norway.

Mr. A. Van Den Kerkhoven entertained his brother, Mr. E. C. Vandenberg, and family.

Mr. Sherman Hasleton and family and Miss Susie Plaisted dined with Mr. and Mrs. John Andersson.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Chesley and little son from Portland were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Stearns.

Messrs. Fred and Percy Robertson of Portland dined with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Robertson.

Mr. and Mrs. John Swan entertained Miss Mae Gross, Miss Bertha Cole and Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Conroy.

Dr. and Mrs. Frank Brown and son, Dwight, of So. Portland dined with Mr. J. M. Philbrook and family.

Mr. D. C. Philbrook and family entertained Mrs. Ellen Merrill and son, Wallace, and Miss Elith Soper.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Hall and two daughters and Mr. L. A. Hall were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Thurston entertained Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Thurston of West Bethel and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Young.

Mr. Adelmar Stearns and family and Mrs. Mai Goldwin were entertained at the home of Mr. E. J. Stearns at North-west Bethel.

Miss Iona Tibbitts of Gorham Normal School spent the Thanksgiving recess with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Tibbitts.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Inman and two sons and Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Andrews were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Beckler.

Mr. Maynard Lowe of Haverhill, Mass., was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Lowe, returning to Haverhill, Monday.

Mr. I. L. Carver entertained Mr. Wm. Mansfield of Bowdoin, Mr. Carroll Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Thurston, Roy Thurston and Earl Foley.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmon Jordan of Mechanic Falls and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jordan and Mrs. E. L. Arno were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Jordan.

On Thanksgiving Day A. C. Frost and family accompanied by Miss Ethel Capen motored to their camp on Farwell mountain where a shore dinner was enjoyed. Miss Ethel returned home with them for the week end.

Bargains in Fleece Night Robes and Underskirts at L. M. Stearns'. Adv.

EAST BETHEL.

Miss Marion Cole was a week end guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Cole.

Miss Elva Fuller passed Thanksgiving week at her home in Livermore, Me.

Miss Elsie Bartlett was at home from teaching at Center Harbor for Thanksgiving week.

Mr. J. E. Fifield was a Thanksgiving guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Hastings.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Swan and children of Worcester, Mass., passed Thanksgiving week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Swan.

Mrs. S. E. Rich of Berlin, N. H., was a Thanksgiving guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Bean.

Mrs. B. J. Russell and son of Hanover passed Thanksgiving and the week end with her parents, Mr. Porter Farwell and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Fairwell were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Porter Farwell and family.

Mr. Wm. G. Holt and family dined with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Holt.

Dr. J. J. McGreevey of Lowell, Mass., was a Thanksgiving guest of Miss Elsie Bartlett and parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Bartlett.

Mr. and Mrs. Fredborn Bean and little daughter dined with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hutchins, at Rumford.

Mrs. George Curtis is visiting relatives in Gorham, Me., for a few weeks. Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Kimball were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Howe and family.

Mrs. Etha Bartlett has returned from a visit with relatives in Berlin, N. H. See the great and attractive line of art goods at our store. L. M. Stearns. Adv.



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LARGE SUMS ASKED FOR MAINE ROADS.

Commissioners Will Seek Big Appropriations for 1917-18 From the Legislature.

According to a statement filed at the office of the State Auditor, the State Highway Commission will ask the coming Legislature for an appropriation of \$1,833,000 for the year 1917 and \$1,383,000 for the year 1918. The amount asked for 1917 is divided as follows: Maintenance and administration, under Section 33 of Chapter 130 of the public laws of 1913, \$50,000; State aid construction, under Section 32 of Chapter 130 of the public laws of 1913, \$300,000; State and county aid in the construction of bridges under Section 11 of Chapter 319 of the public laws of 1915, \$100,000; for State Highway construction and to meet federal aid appropriations by the United States government, one mill of the State valuation, approximately \$533,000; completion of Jackman-Rockwood road, Chapter 401 of the resolves of 1915, \$12,500.

The appropriation for the year 1918 is asked for the following purposes: Maintenance and administration, under Section 33 of Chapter 130 of the public laws of 1913, \$50,000; State aid construction, under Section 32 of Chapter 130 of the public laws of 1913, \$300,000; State and county aid in the construction of bridges under Section 11 of Chapter 319 of the public laws of 1915, \$100,000; for maintenance of State and State aid highways, under Section 31 of Chapter 130 of the public laws of 1913, \$400,000; for State Highway construction and to meet federal aid appropriations by the United States government, one mill of the State valuation, approximately \$533,000.

The appropriations for the year 1917 were divided as follows: Maintenance and administration, under Section 33 of Chapter 130 of the public laws of 1913, \$50,000; State aid construction, under Section 32 of Chapter 130 of the public laws of 1913, \$300,000; State and county aid in the construction of bridges under Section 11 of Chapter 319 of the public laws of 1915, \$100,000; for maintenance of State and State aid highways, under Section 31 of Chapter 130 of the public laws of 1913, \$400,000; for State Highway construction and to meet federal aid appropriations by the United States government, one mill of the State valuation, approximately \$533,000.

Many from other churches were present, Rev. W. C. Curtis having part in the service. All greatly appreciated the address of the evening.

NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Bethel National Bank will be held in the banking rooms of said bank, in Bethel, Maine, on Tuesday the ninth day of January, 1917 at one o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

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CHURCH ACTIVITIES

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.

The young men in Mrs. Burbank's Sunday school class have organized a "Young Men's Universalist Association," and elected the following officers: President, Harry N. Young; 1st Vice Pres., Chester F. Howe; 2nd Vice Pres., Roger Sloan; Sec., Vivian F. Hutchins; Treas., J. H. Little. Regular meetings will be held on the first Monday of each month. The December meeting will be the annual meeting. The Sunday school is preparing a Christmas concert, and will have a "Tree" and supper, Saturday evening, the 23rd. Subject of the morning sermon next Sunday, "The Power of Thought." The topic of the evening will be, "Getting and Giving, the Need of Both."

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

The Christmas sale and supper given by the Ladies' Club last Thursday was very successful. The tables of fancy and useful articles, aprons of various kinds, candy table and parcel post all came in for their share of patronage. The tea served in the parlor proved cheering and refreshing. The supper committee have received many compliments for their part in making the affair a success. The Ladies' Club wish to thank the ladies who served so efficiently at the various tables at the fair, and would be most happy to welcome such capable workers to their ranks.

The members of the Sunday School and parents, who were so delightfully entertained at Mrs. Gehring's home last Saturday afternoon, extended a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Gehring and Mrs. Mills. The subject of the sermon next Sunday will be, "God With Us." Miss Ida Packard will lead the Christian Endeavor service at seven in the evening. The Sunday school attendance last Sunday was the largest for the year.

METHODIST CHURCH.

The Ladies' Aid of the Methodist Church meets Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Ira Jordan. Plans for the observance of Christmas are going forward. There will be the usual sermon and special music at the forenoon service on December 24th, but the evening service will be omitted in the interest of the Community Christmas program. The supper for the Sunday school children will come on Monday evening followed by a concert by the children and young people of the church and the church Christmas tree. A large attendance gathered last Sunday evening to hear Mr. N. B. Springer give his impressions of "Bethel" Sunday whom he recently saw and heard in the Boston Tabernacle meetings now going on. In Mr. Springer's view the evangelist is one of the greatest figures in our national religious life concerning whose sincerity and usefulness there can be no doubt. As to the secret of his power, it was not attributed to his organization, his corps of trained helpers, the splendid musical ability at the great choir and its leader, nor even to his own originality and earnestness in bringing his message. All these things help, and help tremendously, but there is a common feeling that only a rich measure of blessing from God himself can fully explain the man Sunday and the work he is doing. In speaking of Mr. Sunday with people upon the street or in places of business, Mr. Springer found severe critics only among those who had not heard the great evangelist. The sermon on "Mother" was read in part as an example of Mr. Sunday's style, and also for lessons it carried.

Many from other churches were present, Rev. W. C. Curtis having part in the service. All greatly appreciated the address of the evening.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Bethel National Bank will be held in the banking rooms of said bank, in Bethel, Maine, on Tuesday the ninth day of January, 1917 at one o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

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